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Landslide

Five missing at Talacauvery

- **Chief Priest of temple and four others missing**
- **Geological Survey of India's prediction comes true**

THEN and NOW: *Pic. left, a file photo shows the spot at Brahmagiri Hill Range in Talacauvery where the GSI last year had warned the land would slide. Pic. right, taken this morning shows their prediction come true yesterday midnight.*

Madikeri, Aug. 6 (Akshay, PS&BCT)- In a major midnight landslide at the holy place of Talacauvery in Kodagu District, five persons including the Chief Priest of Sri Cauvery Temple are missing. Due to incessant rains, a portion of the Brahmagiri Hill collapsed on two houses where the priests lived. The missing persons are T.S. Narayanachar (70), Talacauvery Temple Chief Priest, his wife Shantha (68), Shantha's brother Anandathirtha Swamiji and relatives Ravikiran Bhat and Pavan Bhat. Their age is not known.

(See LANDSLIDE on page 6)

Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	**261**
Total positive cases	:	**6,115**
Discharges yesterday	:	**112**
Total discharges	:	**2,342**
Deaths yesterday	:	**11**
Total deaths	:	**194**
Total active cases	:	**3,579**

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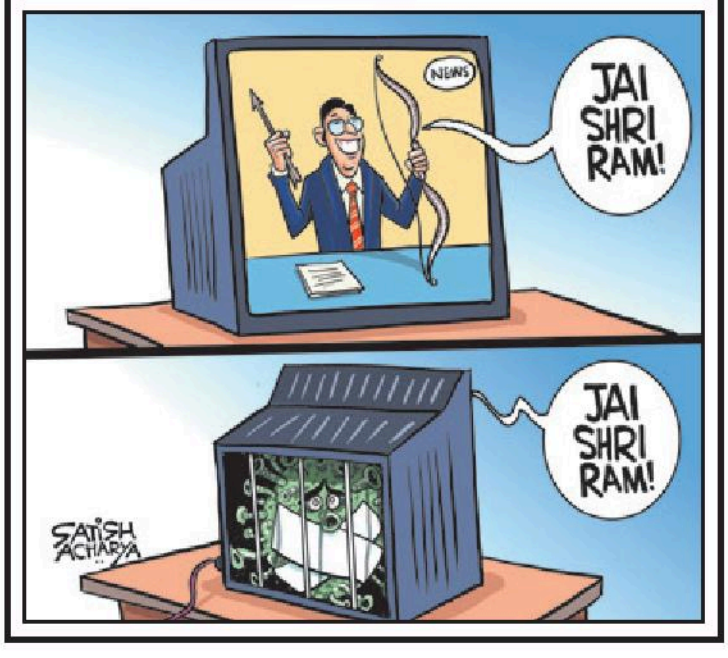

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Thursday 6th August 2020

Author, Activist, Filmmaker Sadia Dehlvi dies at 63

New Delhi, Aug. 6- Noted Delhi-based writer and activist Sadia Dehlvi passed away at her home yesterday after a prolonged battle with cancer. She was 63.

"Sad to hear about the tragic demise of Sadia Dehlvi, a well known cultural figure of Delhi, a dear friend and a wonderful human being. Rest in Peace," tweeted eminent historian Irfan Habib.

Sadia Dehlvi, who hailed from the royal 'Shama' family, edited *Bano*, an Urdu women's journal. Her grandfather, Hafiz Yusuf Dehlvi, founded *Shama* in 1938, which is an iconic Urdu film and literary monthly.

A well-known food connoisseur, she wrote a book on Delhi's culinary history in 2017, titled "*Jasmine & Jinns: Memories and Recipes of My Delhi*".

A woman of many talents, Sadia Dehlvi also produced and scripted documentaries and television programmes, including "*Amma and Family*" (1995), starring Zohra Sehgal, a veteran stage actor.

She was a close friend and confidante of the late author Khushwant Singh. Singh dedicated his book "*Not a Nice Man to Know*" to her.

He wrote, "*To Sadia Dehlvi, who gave me more affection and notoriety than I deserve.*"

Singh's book "*Men and Women in my Life*" has Sadia Dehlvi's photo on its cover and the book has a chapter dedicated to her.

Sadia Dehlvi produced the television show "*Not a Nice Man to Know*" with Singh interviewing women from various fields.

She is survived by her son Arman Ali Dehlvi.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

So what happens last week is that my wife decides in wifely wisdom to refurbish the house and give it a sprucing up which usually means getting rid of your favourite T-shirts, lucky shorts and that most comfortable slightly scuffed pair of shoes. You see, wives do not understand the power of talismans and what it means to a man to have a lucky shirt even if it is slightly stained and torn. Our clothes have history. They are soaked in memories and triumphs of various kinds. Anyway, be that as it may this time round she targeted furniture because, after all, this is the COVID pandemic era and what better way to take it on than wreak havoc in the house and the bank balance and by the time I got home my lucky mirror had disappeared into the carriage of a truck and all my efforts to rescue it are in vain. I tried to explain that the mirror on the cupboard could at least be saved because I had a symbiotic relationship with it. No way. Gone forever. In its place this modern monstrosity that makes me look ten pounds heavier and adds bulges where there are none. This is an enemy, it was probably forged in some mirror factory for the carnival and the funny mirror department … I am not that large. My old mirror was a friend, a confidante, it made me look slim and kind of created an elegant macho alignment of the body, like I had been darting off to the gym and that is it, it was a 'look fit' mirror. Now, I look like a slouch and none of the mirrors in the house can compare to my lost buddy. Somewhere, some place someone has bought my pal second hand and is standing in front of it preening and feeling trim and good while here I am sucking my breath and feeling lost and lonely and plump. — *Bikram Vohra in The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man decorates home with 10,000 porcelain dishes

Kieu Son: A Vietnamese man obsessed with traditional porcelain dishes and antiques has spent the last 25 years of his life decorating his house with almost 10,000 porcelain bowls, plates and urns.

Nguien Van Truong first fell in love with porcelain antiques in 1986, a year after being discharged from the army and returning to his home village of Kieu Son, in Vietnam's Vinh Phuc province. He was making a living as a carpenter at a time and got the chance to paint the table and chairs of a local antique collector who first introduced him to the beauty of traditional porcelain dishes. Truong was so impressed that he decided to become a collector himself and scoured all of Vietnam's northern provinces in search of traditional porcelain objects and spent all of his money trying to acquire as much of it as possible.

Russian villages experience "Mosquito Tornadoes"

Ust-Kamchatsk: Villages on the east coast of the Kamchatka peninsula, in the Russian Far-East are experiencing scenes that seem to be taken out of an Alfred Hitchkok movie. But instead of birds invading their community, it's billions of mosquitoes swirling into visible "tornadoes".

Villages like Ust-Kamchatsk are used to being invaded by large number of mosquitoes every summer, it's normal for this insects to swarm near bodies of water, but this year it's much worse than usual. Because of an unusually hot summer, the number of mosquitoes is much larger, making them an even bigger nuisance than they usually are.

Window and door nets do little to keep the pesky buzzers out of people's homes, as they seem to get in through the smallest of cracks, and going outside means dealing with large swarms of mosquitoes that seem to reach the sky when seen from afar.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

How much DNA do humans share with apes?

"We are apes in every way, from our long arms and tailless bodies to our habits and temperament," says primate scientist Frans De Waal of Emory University. We humans share 96% of our DNA with the great apes.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Disruption in water supply

Mysuru, Aug.6- As Vani Vilas Water Works (VVWW) has taken up repair works, water supply will be disrupted today and tomorrow in the following areas coming under Ward Numbers 1 to 8, 18 to 27, 42 to 45 and 47: Hebbal, Kumbarakoppal, Manchegowdana Koppal, Mahadeshwara Layout, Basavanagudi, Lakshmikanta Nagar, Gokulam 1st, 2nd and 3rd Stages, Metagalli, Lokanayaka Nagar, Bannimantap, Brindavan Layout, Lashkar Mohalla, Tilak Nagar, Subbarayanakere, Vontikoppal, Paduvarahalli (Vinayakanagar), Yadavagiri, Mandi Mohalla, Sharadadevi Nagar, Bogadi 2nd Stage, Vijayanagar 1st, 2nd and 3rd Stages, RMP, BEML Layout, KHB Colony, Hootagalli, Janata Nagar, T.K. Layout, Saraswathipuram, Thonachikoppal and other areas, according to a press release from VVWW.

No power supply on Aug.9 and Aug. 11

Mysuru, Aug. 6- Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted on Aug. 9 and Aug.11 between 10 and 5 pm in the following villages.

Aug.9-Tandya Power Distribution Centre: Chikkayyanachatra, Tandya Industrial Area, Balaji, Indus, Ganapathy, KIADB 1&2, Kempisiddanahundi, Hulimavu, Hadinaru, Hosakote, Tumbunerale villages and surrounding Gram Panchayat limits.

Aug. 11- Devanur Power Distribution Centre: Tagaduru, Badanavalu, Chunchanahalli, Gattawadipura, Karya, Alaganchi, Hedatale, Konanur, Nerale, Hemmaragala, Kavalande villages and surrounding Gram Panchayat limits.

Suttur Power Distribution Centre: Nagarle, Beligere, Mallupura, Suttur villages and surrounding Gram Panchayat limits, according to a press release.

Really...?

- *A group of frogs is called an army.*
- *An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.*
- *Perth is Australia's windiest city.*
- *The Amazon rainforest produces half the world's oxygen supply.*
- *The dot on top of the letter 'i' is called a 'Tittle'.*
- *The Eiffel Tower has 1,792 steps.*
- *A shark's top speed is 70kmh (44mph).*

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Why didn't the bike want to go anywhere?
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VOICE OF THE READER

Saving life or healing illness is prime concern of a good doctor

Sir,

This refers to Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem's column *Over A Cup of Evening Tea* in *SOM* dated July 31. His article titled ***"A Medley of COVID Comedies!"*** was so down-to-earth that one may think it was a writer's fantasy or exaggeration. But those who have personal experience in Hospitals, Pathology Laboratories and about a variety of tests a patient undergoes for diagnosis of the problem or before he is prepared for the surgery or procedures will 100 percent agree with what Dr. Nayeem had written. I am one among them.

Let me recall just one incident because of which, probably, I am able to endorse Dr. Nayeem today. In the article, Dr. Nayeem mentions of a long letter written by that disheartened correspondent-patient about the bad condition of the wires of the ECG machine in the Hospital (Dr. Nayeem sent him there with best of intention) and the difficulty with which the nurse recorded his ECG only after more than one attempt.

Dr. Nayeem tells that disgruntled patient: "With frayed wires, tangled or untangled and at the first attempt or the fourth, what makes sense is that the ECG taken there made perfect sense to me that despite your frayed nerves, you are indeed a good hearted man, worthy of my friendship, with your robust heart beating soundly in your manly chest! So let's celebrate that !!"

Yes, if I am celebrating my life today, alive and kicking, it is because way back in 1993 an ECG Lady Technician of Kamakshi Hospital took my ECG under the same situation that Dr. Nayeem's patient had described. In fact, worse.

Dr. C.D. Sreenivasa Murthy (CDS) was my doctor who asked for the ECG. It was only in the fourth attempt the ECG came out properly. There was a loose contact, power failure, not once but twice. I was annoyed and said would come another day. But the Technician, Mrs. Muktha Achar, apparently afraid of CDS, desperately pleaded with me to co-operate. I did and when the report was shown, Dr. CDS and Dr. K.R. Kamath told me the bad news. They did not allow me to go to office, from where I had gone to the Hospital driving the car myself, connected me to my wife and took me to the ICU on a wheel-chair.

I am beholden to that ECG Lady Technician Muktha Achar, Dr. CDS and Dr. Kamath of Kamakshi Hospital and Dr. Vivek Jawali of Wockhardt Hospital in Bengaluru for their service as TRUE professionals. Let us learn to count our blessings, not find fault with trivia.

— K.B. Ganapathy

Mysuru 5.8.2020

CFTRI to set up COVID Testing Laboratory

Mysuru, Aug. 6 (MTY&BCT)- To support the Mysuru District Administration in its fight against Coronavirus, city-based Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI) will set up an advanced COVID Testing Laboratory to scale up testing process.

Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar told *Star of Mysore* that up to 300 samples per day can be tested in this lab. The laboratory is equipped with throat swab testing machines like the ones located at Viral Research and Diagnostic Laboratory (VRDL) at the Department of Microbiology in K.R. Hospital and at COVID Testing Lab in JSS Hospital.

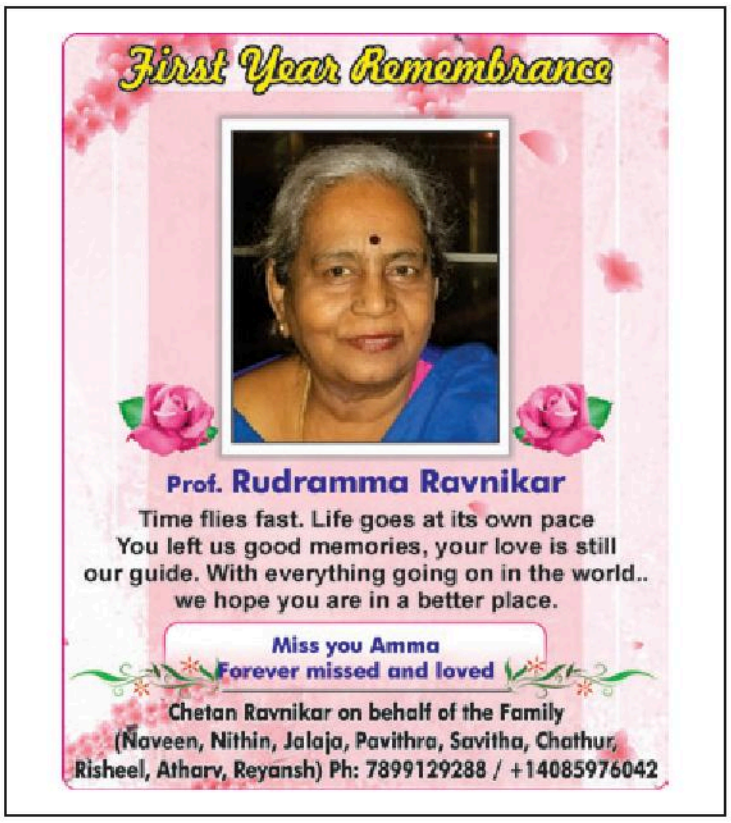
Apart from the VRDL and the JSS Hospital laboratories, the COVID Hospital on KRS Road has one more testing lab and there is "PARAKH- a Mobile Microbial Containment (BSL-3) Laboratory developed by Defence Food Research Laboratory (DFRL) which has been stationed at K.R. Hospital premises. Also, there is an availability of 10,000 Rapid Antigen Kits in the District to scale up the testing process.

District Health Department sources said that in all likelihood, the CFTRI testing lab will be set up at Government Ayurveda and Panchakarma Hospital on KRS Road.

CFTRI sources told *SOM* that they are in the process of setting up the testing laboratory and a dedicated team has been formed for this purpose. "We are in the process of setting up the laboratory and as of now, we cannot divulge information about the actual date when the lab will be ready," Dr. S.V.N. Vijayendra, Coordinator, CFTRI COVID testing laboratory, said.

It may be mentioned here that the CFTRI has already provided two Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) machines and one RNA extraction unit to the District Administration. The COVID-19 infection is at present detected by a very sophisticated and precise technique called Real-Time PCR method. This PCR method involves extraction of the RNA of the virus from samples and amplification of the same using a PCR machine. A clear advantage of the PCR test is that it can detect the virus in a person at a very early stage, that is, even when symptoms emerge.

Precise and accurate testing is the need of the hour. Since the test is very sophisticated and is being done in select centres approved for testing by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), the CFTRI is supporting the District authorities by way of adding to the capacity.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Takes charge as Archaeology Dept. Commissioner

Mysuru, Aug.6- Senior KAS Officer B.R.Poornima took charge as the Commissioner of the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage at Mysuru on July 31.

Poornima, who was serving as Additional Deputy Commissioner of Mysuru, was transferred recently without posting. Now, she has been posted as the Commissioner of the Archaeology Department, following which she has assumed charge, according to a press release.

Admissions to BA LLB, B.Com LLB

Mysuru, Aug.6- The Law School in Manasagangothri has invited applications for admissions to BA LLB and B.Com LLB courses. Those who have passed PUC or equivalent exams can download the prescribed application forms from the University website *www.uni-mysore.ac.in* or obtain the same from the Law School office and submit the filled in application forms before Aug. 25.

For details, contact Ph: 0821-2419377 or Mob: 99863-90650, according to a press release from the Law School Director.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Last date extended

The last date to apply for financial aid of Rs. 5,000 provided by Karnataka State Unorganised Workers Social Security Board to for barbers and washermen, who were unable to conduct business due to COVID induced lockdown, has been extended till Aug. 15. The beneficiaries are requested apply through Seva Sindhu app. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2343990, according to a press release from Deputy Labour Officer.

Subsidy to farmers

Under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), for promotion of protected crop cultivation, Horticulture Department is providing maximum 50 percent subsidy of Rs. 3 lakh per hectare for changing old and dilapidated polythene sheets in any three-year old greenhouse units, Rs. 2.5 lakh for re-plantation of old and unproductive flowering plants in greenhouses and Rs. 1.25 lakh for re-plantation of vegetable crops. Interested farmers can contact the Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture of the respective taluks: Mysuru - 0821-2430450, H.D. Kote - 08228-255262, Hunsur - 08222-252447, K.R. Nagar - 08223-262792, Nanjangud - 08221-226201, Periyapatna 08223-273535 and T. Narsipur 08227-260086, according to a press release.

Ph.D awardee

The University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in Dance to Sparsha Shenoy for her thesis 'Technical Teaching of Bharatanatyam Through Natyakrama for Hearing Impaired Children - Analytical Study' submitted under the guidance of Dr. K. Kumar.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	110.10 ft
Yesterday	107.17 ft
Inflow	37,068 cusecs
Outflow	3,233 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,278.87 ft
Inflow	37,462 cusecs
Outflow	43,933 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,855.16 ft
Inflow	9,081 cusecs
Outflow	12,111 cusecs

The Triveni Sangam at Bhagamandala — the downstream of Talacauvery where River Cauvery originates — submerged.

August rain in Kodagu due to global warming: IISc. Scientist

Kushalnagar, Aug. 6 (Akshay& BCT)- The earlier May-June-July monsoon in Kodagu has been delayed and rains are occurring only in the month of August-September since the last two years — and continuing this year — due to global warming and where changes to climate are happening, said Dr. T.V. Ramachandra, Coordinator, Energy and Wetlands Research Group (Centre for Ecological Sciences) at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc.), Bengaluru.

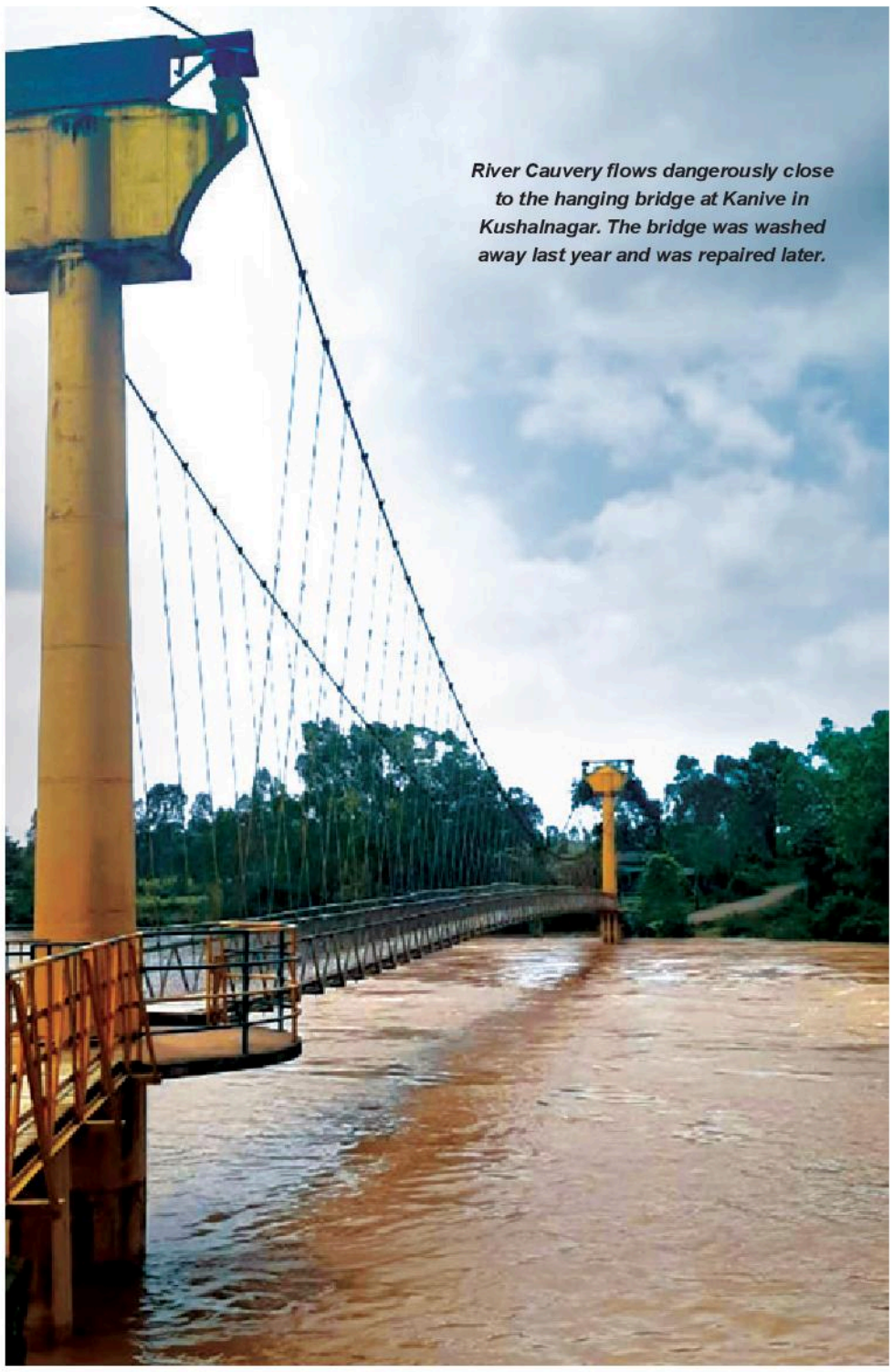
Responding to an e-mail query from *Star of Mysore*, Dr. Ramachandra, who has done extensive research in Kodagu during the last two years of floods and landslides, said that the global warming and climate change have resulted in the reduction in number of rainy days. The amount of rain — quantum —which is supposed to spread for 35-45 days is coming in 5-10 days, he said. "De-forestation is one of the major causal factor of global warming, which not only increases the emissions (carbon footprint) but also reduces the water retention capability of catchments/ watersheds and also increases the instances of land/ mud slide as the region has become fragile with the loss of soil binding capacity of roots (of trees)," Dr. Ramachandra said.

"Water is supposed to flow slowly (allowing infiltration or percolation) but with the removal of vegetation cover, water rushes towards the downstream leading to loss of life and property. We need to wakeup now or else pay heavy price. Let us manage land resources scientifically and make sure greedy decision makers do not take advantage of common man's ignorance," he added.

It may be mentioned here that in a study titled 'Visualisation of impacts due to the proposed developmental projects in the ecologically fragile regions of Kodagu district' published in 'Progress in Disaster Science' journal, Dr. Ramachandra and his team had said that over 66,892 hectares of pristine forest cover was lost in Kodagu due to un-interrupted exploitation. Kushalnagar and Madikeri taluks have lost the major chunk of forests due to construction of roads, home stays and villas.

"Kodagu forests sustain water and forms lifeline for Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala. Drastic land use changes will threaten the water security and people's livelihood. The region is part of the central Western Ghats with the exceptional biodiversity. The expansion or new construction would result in irreversible ecological degradation," the study said.

Projects such as major roads and Railway lines should not be allowed, even if they are essential from the perspective of highly influential section of society. The region is intrinsically fragile with steep slopes and sharp gradients and small disturbances will lead to catastrophe. Deforestation needs to be arrested immediately, the scientists mentioned.



River Cauvery flows dangerously close to the hanging bridge at Kanive in Kushalnagar. The bridge was washed away last year and was repaired later.

Dr. Ramachandra said that deforestation process in the district was evident from the loss of forest cover from 40% (1973) to 24% (2018). Kodagu landscape is ecologically fragile and need to maintain the structure of the landscape to ensure its capability, ecological functions including structural stability.

No major damage this year

Meanwhile, noted Geologist and retired Deputy Director, Geological Survey of India Dr. H.S.M. Prakash said that this year, there is no major indication of massive destruction due to floods and landslides like it happened in 2018 and 2019. "Scientific studies and geological examinations say that this year there will be no major landslides or a cloud-burst-like situation. There is also no indication of earth cracking up from below causing it to crash," he said. If at all destruction has to take place in August this year, it will be only minimum, as low as 2%. "Scientists and geologists base their data on evidence and studies conducted on earth and its crust. I had predicted that there might be landslides in 2019 as there were indications. Likewise, landslides occurred in Kodagu but were not as severe as in 2018. Our observations are only indicative but we cannot predict 100%," he said.

"This year, there are no indications of earthquakes in Kodagu or Karnataka. But such signs are visible in Delhi, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh," he added.

Simple Independence Day
celebrations this year, says ADC

Additional Deputy Commissioner B.S. Manjunathaswamy addressing the meeting yesterday.

Mysuru, Aug.6- With the deadly COVID-19 pandemic causing havoc across the globe, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) B.S. Manjunathaswamy said that the Independence Day in the city will be celebrated in a simple manner on Aug.15 as per the guidelines set out by the Union Government.

Speaking at a preparatory meeting at ZP Hall here yesterday, Manjunathaswamy said that the Independence Day will celebrated as usual at Bannimantap Parade Grounds sans any crowd and keeping in mind COVID-19 regulations such as maintenance of physical distancing, wearing of face masks and thermal screening. Pointing out that the celebration will be a low-key affair, he said that it will begin with the hoisting of National Flag at 9 am on Aug.15.

As part of the event, Home Guards, NCC Cadets and Scouts and Guides teams will take out a march-past and the Police Music Band will play the National Anthem, he noted.

Continuing, he said that in the wake of rapid spread of COVID-19 pandemic, the display of cultural programmes by School students has been dropped and also freedom fighters and other senior citizens too will not be invited for the event. However, Corona Warriors such as Doctors, other medical staff, ASHA workers, Pourakarmikas and those cured of the deadly virus will be invited for the celebration and honoured, he added.

He further said that all educational Institutions and Government Offices should celebrate Independence Day in a simple and symbolic manner by hoisting the National Flag in their premises at 8.30am, following which all Government staff should attend the official celebration at Bannimantap Parade Grounds. The customary cultural programme that used to take place at Kalamandira in the presence of the Mayor and Legislators on the evening of Aug.15 will be dropped after consultation with the Deputy Commissioner, he said and added that all those attending the celebration at Bannimantap Parade Grounds will be thermal screened for body temperature before being allowed entry.

MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh, ZP Deputy Secretary Premkumar, DDPI Dr. Panduranga, Food and Civil Supplies Department Joint Director P. Shivanna, DDPUE Geetha, District Labour Officer M.S. Manjuladevi, Women and Child Welfare Deputy Director K.Padma, Kannada and Culture Assistant Director H. Chennappa and other officials were present.

Rapid Antigen Testing Teams now test people near their doorstep

Mysuru, Aug.6 (PM&DM)- With the number of COVID-19 positive cases rising exponentially by the day in the district, Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT) teams have started visiting hotspot areas of the city carrying out tests on the people near their doorstep.

There are 8 RAT teams in the city and 10 in each taluk of the district. Rapid Testing is being conducted at all Primary Health Centres (PHC) of the district. As a first step, nasal swab will be collected and if the Lab report tests negative, then a RT-PCR test will be done with the collection of throat swab of COVID-19 suspect persons for confirmation.

Barring K.R. Hospital and the designated COVID Hospital, the RAT test is not being conducted in a regular manner and RAT teams are being moved in accordance with the necessities that arise.

District Vector-borne Diseases Control Officer Dr. Chidambara, who also heads the RAT teams, told *Star of Mysore* that RAT teams are being moved to places in accordance with the needs.

Pointing out that the people in a particular area will be informed 2 days before the arrival of the Teams, he said that the help of local leaders and people's representatives will be taken for the conduct of the test.

Noting that RAT was conducted for two days at Town Hall on Aug.3 and 4, he said that the tests will be again conducted at the same venue on Aug.7and 8. The RAT teams will be moved depending upon the availability of staff and kits, he added.

Seized two-wheelers lying unclaimed at Police Station

Mysuru, Aug. 6 (KS)- Forty-nine two-wheelers seized by the K.R. Traffic Police are lying idle at the Police Station as the owners of these vehicles could not be traced.

Owners of these two-wheelers are urged to contact K.R. Traffic Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418330 or call Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release.

Obituary

N. Shankar

Mandya, Aug. 6 - N. Shankar (48), a journalist and a resident of Swarnasandra Layout, passed away in the town yesterday. He had worked with several newspapers in Mandya.

He leaves behind his wife, two daughters, brothers and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the burial grounds near Hebbal yesterday evening.

Mangala Eregowda

Mangala Eregowda (80), father of Mangala M.E. Shivanna, a teacher and a writer, passed away yesterday morning in the town.

He leaves behind his wife Chowdamma, sons M.E. Shivanna (PES High School teacher) and M.E. Shankar (former President of Mangala Primary Credit Co-operative Society), daughter M.E. Bhagyamma (Vice-President of Srirangapatna Taluk Peehalli Village Milk Producers Co-operative Society) and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Mangala village yesterday afternoon.

D. Siddaraju

Kollegal: D. Siddaraju (72), former Vice-President of Kollegal Town Municipal Council and a resident of Bheema Nagar, passed away yesterday morning following brief illness.

A Congress leader, he leaves behind his wife, two sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed yesterday evening.

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CORRIGENDUM - I

Ref: Tender No: BARC/MYS/CES/11/2020-21 Dt: 08.07.2020. *Date: 04.08.2020*

Sub: Jungle clearance work for a period of 2020-21 in BARC Plant site and Yelwal Township, Mysuru. Please note the following changes in the above referred tender.

NIT Reference	Description	Mentioned in the NIT	Modified Description
Page No 1, Point No. vii	Dates for request for purchase / download of on website www.tenderwizard.com/DAE. Detailed NIT is tender document also available on website www.barc.gov.in. for view only	From 08.07.2020 (10:00 Hrs) to 16.07.2020 (17:00 Hrs)	From 05.08.2020 (10:00 Hrs) to12.08.2020 (17:00 Hrs)
Page No 2, Point No ix	Last date and time of closing of online submission of tenders.	17.07.2020, 15:00 hrs	14.08.2020, 15:00 hrs
Page No 2, Point No x	Last date for submission of original documents towards Receipt of e-payment towards Tender Processing Fee and EMD	On or Before 24.07.2020, 14:00 hrs at Superintending Engineer – Head GSD, Building No: 05, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, P.B. No: 01, Yelwal, Mysuru-571130. Ph. No: 0821-2406408. in a sealed super scribed envelope mentioning name of work and NIT Number.	On or Before 19.08.2020, 14:00 hrs at OIC - Civil Engineering Section, Building No: 02, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, P.B. No: 01, Yelwal, Mysuru-571130. Ph. No: 0821-2406418. in a sealed super scribed envelope mentioning name of work and NIT Number.
Page No 2, Point No xi	Date and time of online opening of Part 1. (Technical bid)	24.07.2020 (15:00 hrs)	19.08.2020 (15:00 hrs)
Page No 2 Point No xii	Date of opening of Part 2 of qualified bidders. (Financial bid)	31.07.2020 (Tentative date)	26.08.2020 ,(15:00 hrs) (Tentative date)

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer,
Bhabha Atomic Research Centre ,For & on behalf of the President of India

Landslide at Talacauvery

A view of the place where the landslide took place at Talacauvery last midnight. Picture right shows anxious people watching the rescue operation at the spot today.

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The houses of the priests were located near the entrance arch of the Temple at the foot of Brahmagiri Mountain Range. While Narayanachar held charge of the Temple since decades, Ravikiran Bhat and Pavan Bhat had joined the puja rituals under his guidance only two months back.

Narayanachar

Mud came crashing on two houses at around midnight and the mountain range that collapsed is around 30 acres. Over five landslides have occurred in the area last midnight and mud has slid to Cherangala and Kolikadu village that is 6 kilometres from Talacauvery.

The landslide came to light early this morning as Chief Priest Narayanachar did not come to his regular puja duties. One of the Temple security guards went to check the priest only to find his house buried in mud. He immediately alerted the District Authorities.

Two days back, the local Panchayat Development Officer (PDO) had issued a notice to Narayanachar asking him to move out of the place as staying at the foot of the hill was dangerous. But the priest refused to move out, the Panchayat officials said.

The two houses of the priests had a cowshed that had over 20 bovines and mounds of mud and rubble have covered the shed too. Though there was an asphalted road connecting the temple and the priests' houses, now due to landslip, the area has become inaccessible.

Teams from National Disaster Response Force and Advanced Rescue Team have reached Talacauvery and they have to access the landslide spot by walk. The rescue teams have to dig out the rubble by hand as machinery or earth movers cannot reach the spot as it is a hilly terrain and already, over 30 acres of land has slipped.

As per preliminary reports, of the two houses, one house is vacant as the priest has shifted from there to Bhagamandala. Narayanachar and his wife, her brother and two other priests continued to stay in Talacauvery. Heavy rain and thick fog are hampering the rescue operation.

A huge tree fell on the Sri Mahadeva Temple at Besagoor in South Kodagu causing extensive damage.

GSI Team had predicted landslide

Photograph showing crack at mid slope of Brahmagiri Hill near Talacauvery Temple as mentioned in the GSI Report.

The Geological Survey of India (GSI), a Government of India body, had predicted that there will be landslides in Talacauvery (near the Temple) as surface cracks were observed during the team's inspection last year. The GSI team that conducted extensive field study and research last year following the devastating landslides in Kodagu in 2018 had published in its report that slope modification without proper precautions is the main reason for landslides.

In its final report, Geologists Sunandan Basu and Kapil Singh had said that Talacauvery Temple and Korangala areas fall under moderate to highly susceptibility class when it comes to landslides. Here, unbridled construction of houses by carving hill slope has resulted in land destabilisation.

The team had visited the areas on Aug. 17 and 18 last year and were accompanied by State Government officials. At Talacauvery, unsupported slope cut for road widening has destabilised the entire slope and future landslides cannot be ruled out, the team observed.

"There are multiple contour trenches made by Department of Forest at the mid slope for conservation of water and prevention of soil erosion. These trenches are aligned parallel to the crack and situated near the upslope of the cracks. It cannot be ruled out that the trenches with standing water may have allowed infiltration into the deep soil. Slope cut for road expansion and the cut slope is left unsupported," the report stated on the geo-scientific causes of surface cracks at Talacauvery Brahmagiri Ranges.

Seeing the cracks, the GSI team had suggested that the cracks must be filled with impervious material to reduce chances of water infiltration into deep mud increasing the chances of landslides. These filled cracks must be monitored regularly, the team had reported. Though the Geologists had suggested certain remedial measures like slope grading, construction of retaining wall with weep holes and plantation on the slope, nothing was done. *[See also page 4]*

Kodagu on the edge as incessant rain pounds

UPDATE: August 6

- **Cauvery River overflowing at Triveni Sangama and Bhagamandala-Madikeri-Napoklu road closed.**
- **Madikeri-Chettalli Road partially closed due to a landslip.**
- **Road to Kirudale been cut off; a school in Napoklu has partially collapsed**
- **Movement of vehicles on Bethri Bridge that connects Virajpet and Madikeri disrupted as water is flowing above the bridge.**
- **District received 107 mm of rainfall during the 24-hour period ending 8.30 am on Wednesday.**
- **Madikeri Hobli received 103 mm of rainfall, Bhagamandala (153), Napoklu (151).**
- **Somwarpet received 106 mm Virajpet (115), Hudikeri (138), Srimangala (103 mm).**
- **Mallur Bridge across Lakshmanatheertha River near Balele is under water**
- **Madikeri-Napoklu, Bhagamandala-Ayyangeri roads shut.**
- **Residents of Karadigodu evacuated to safety after Cauvery River flooded the village.**
- **Villages including Guhya, Nellihudikeri, Bettadakaadu and Baradi face imminent threat of flooding.**
- **Weather department forecasts heavy to very heavy rain till August 11.**

Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary temporarily closed from today

Mysuru, Aug. 6 (MTY&KS)- Citing lack of tourists, prevention of COVID-19 from spreading and release of large quantity of water to Cauvery River from KRS in future, the Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary at Srirangapatna, has been temporarily closed from today until further orders.

Disclosing this to *SOM* this morning, Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) Alexander said that as of now KRS was receiving an inflow of 37,068 cusecs and there is an outflow of 3,233 cusecs which is being released into Cauvery River that flows through Ranganathittu.

Earlier, the boating was being stopped when 7,000 cusecs was released into the river from KRS, he said and added that anticipating that the inflow to KRS reservoir would increase as heavy rains are pounding the Cauvery catchment area and also in Kodagu, once the KRS reservoir reaches its maximum, there would be heavy discharge of water from KRS to the river which floods Ranganathittu. Hence, as a precautionary measure, the Bird Sanctuary has been temporarily closed from today, he said.

There are a total of 20 boats out of which 18 are not being used due to lack of tourists and visitors, Alexander said and added that out of an average of 30 tourists, only about 10 prefer to go boating.

Aranya Bhavan sealed down, disinfected

As eight Forest staff has tested positive for COVID-19, Aranya Bhavan at Ashokapuram in city has been sealed down and the MCC staff sprayed disinfectant in the presence of Chief Conservator of Forests (CCF) T. Heeralal, DCFs Dr. K.C. Prashanth Kumar and Alexander this morning, Alexander said.

Mysuru district reports 11 COVID deaths, 261 new cases on Aug. 5

Mandya reports 123 new COVID positive cases, Kodagu sees 13 and Chamarajanagar reports 38 new cases

Mysuru, Aug. 6 (KS)- Mysuru district yesterday reported 261 new COVID positive cases bringing the total number of positives in the district to 6,115, according to the media bulletin received last evening.

As many as 2,342 patients have been discharged so far including 112 patients yesterday from various hospitals and with 11 COVID related deaths reported yesterday, the death toll so far in the district is 194. There are a total of 3,579 active cases in the district now.

The following are the COVID statistics of Mandya, Kodagu and Chamarajanagar, according to the State media bulletin yesterday evening:

Mandya: The district reported 123 new COVID positive cases yesterday and the total positives in the district are 2,158.

A total of 1,183 patients have been discharged from various hospitals so far including 90 patients yesterday and with three COVID related deaths in the district yesterday, the death toll so far is 19. There are 956 active cases in the district till last evening.

Kodagu: Thirteen new COVID positive cases were reported in the district yesterday bringing the total positive cases to 550. As many as 339 patients have been discharged so far including 19 patients yesterday. With one COVID related death yesterday, the death toll so far in the district is 10. There are a total of 201 active cases in the district now.

Chamarajanagar: The district reported 38 new COVID positive cases yesterday and the total positive cases till yesterday evening are 890. A total of 545 patients have been discharged so far including 28 patients yesterday. The COVID related death toll so far is 13 and there are 332 active cases in the district now.

Free oxygen for COVID patients with respiratory problems

Mysuru, Aug. 6 (RK&KS)- United Vision Welfare and Charitable Trust has come forward to supply free oxygen to COVID patients with severe respiratory infection.

The free service was inaugurated by District Vector-Borne Diseases Control Officer Dr. Chidambara by watering a sapling at a simple function organised at MESCO ITI College premises in Subashnagar yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Chidambara urged the public to follow all COVID guidelines issued by the Government to prevent contracting and spreading COVID-19 and added that taking precautions to prevent the spread of the deadly virus should be everyone's priority.

Asking the people to undergo COVID check-up if they have symptoms such as cold, cough and fever, Dr. Chidambara called upon everyone to compulsorily wear face mask, maintain social distancing and frequently wash hands to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

United Vision Welfare and Charitable Trust Trustee R.M. Khan Ghori, who also spoke, said that the Trust has commenced the free service of supplying oxygen cylinders to COVID positive patients who are suffering from severe respiratory disorders.

He further said that as soon as the phone call is received by the Trust, four volunteers of the Trust would rush to the place of the patient and examine the patient with an Oxy-metre and only if it confirmed that the patient needs oxygen, the oxygen cylinder would be installed and the patient would be monitored for a week.

Pointing out that Rs. 5,000 should be deposited first as surety, which would be completely refunded, he said that the Trust would be supplying free oxygen cylinder till the patient recovers and urged those in need of oxygen cylinders to call the Hotline No.: 94486-25857 or Mob: 95358-31973 or 88672-43937.

The Trust with Anees Khan Ghori as its Managing Trustee has city's well-known Physician Dr. Javeed Nayeem, who is rendering his service.

Mohammed Asadulla, Prof. Noor Ahmed Khan, Ahmed Nadeem, Gulnar Praveen, Dr. Bushra, Dr. Sabeena, Siddiq Ahmed, former Mayor Arif Hussain and others were present during the programme.

Woman killed as bus rams into scooter at Paduvarahalli

Mysuru, Aug. 6 (SPN&KS)- A woman was killed when a KSRTC bus ran over her after hitting the scooter she was riding at Paduvarahalli Circle on Mysuru-Hunsur Road on Monday. The deceased is Shwetha (30), a resident of Hebbal in city.

On Monday, Shwetha was proceeding on her scooter from Kalamandira side when the driver of the KSRTC bus lost control of the vehicle, rammed into the scooter of Shwetha and ran over her when she fell down from her two-wheeler.

Shwetha, who sustained serious injuries, was being shifted to a hospital but breathed her last midway, according to V.V. Puram Traffic Police, who have registered a case.

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Decoding Mythology

Dr. Devdutt Pattanaik - Author, Speaker, Illustrator, Mythologist

Middle Eastern Mythologies

The Middle East includes Mesopotamia (Iraq), the area watered by the Euphrates and Tigris. To its East is Persia (Iran); to its South is Arabia; to the West is Levant (Near East); and to the North is Anatolia (Turkey). Egypt is also included in the Middle East due to close cultural ties. These regions have given us very important mythologies. The common theme across all these mythologies is the belief that you live only once, distinguishing it from Indian mythologies based on rebirth.

The oldest of these mythologies is Mesopotamian mythology. They believed that the world is controlled by many Gods who have a council called Anunnaki. Humans were created to serve the Gods. If the human servants displeased the Gods, they could send down floods to destroy them. This was related to the repeated floods that the Mesopotamian plains suffered. Agriculture first emerged in these plains. This region gave us the Sumerian city-States and the world's first empires, Akkadian, Assyrian and Babylonian. Every city here had its own Gods. The hierarchy of the Gods changed, depending on the city-State which had the most power and strength. In the Babylonian Empire, its hero-God Marduk was seen as all powerful, dominating other Gods of the region.

Egypt also believed in one life and many Gods. However, belief in one central king, the pharaoh, who dominated all life, distinguished Egypt. The king represented Horus, who was the son of the first God, Osiris. Osiris created civilisation. If Horus rules this life, then his father, Osiris, rules the afterlife.

If Mesopotamia gave us many Gods and many kings, and Egypt gave us many Gods with one king, Persia gave the idea of one God with one king. Persians believed that God (Ahura Mazda) is good and opposes all things bad, created by the Devil (Angra Manyu). This mythology is communicated to humanity by the prophet, Zarathustra. God is visualised as fire, but no rules are given on how to live life. The focus is on creating a good life. So, the Persian kings were the first in the world to create a very secular empire. They allowed all different kinds of people to live in their kingdom. They genuinely believed that the purpose of kingship was to help their subjects, unlike the Egyptian pharaoh who believed that the people existed to serve the Gods, hence him. This theme helped shape much of human history.

The idea of one God who demands obedience, gives a set of rules to follow, comes from the Near East — the Judaic mythology. If you do not obey this God, he brings down fire and brimstone, like he does on the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. Here, the messenger becomes very important. The message of God comes down to us through the prophet, such as Abraham and Moses. The same mythology extends itself to Christianity as well. Here, the messenger of God also becomes the son of God—Jesus. Islam, which emerged 1,400 years ago, follows the same line of thought. The messenger here is Mohammad, who is the final prophet. Jesus here is merely a messenger, but no son of God. Today, the idea of one God who demands obedience of humanity is one of the most dominant mythologies of the world giving rise to religions that shape world history — Judaism, Christianity and Islam, in all its many forms.

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Out-of-the-box solutions required for Revival of Tourism

By N.K.A. Ballal,
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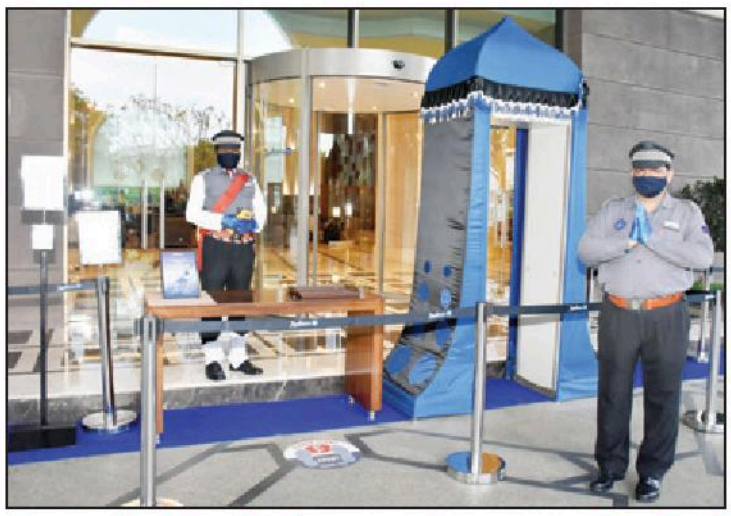

Mysuru has been hit the worst since yoga and medical tourism has also been hit with the curtailment of air travel. So it is time the tourism stalwarts of the State device a short-term, out-of-the-box contingency plan to revive and support this industry. Hotels in Mysuru and Kodagu can work out special packages for all citizens of smaller towns nearby and Bengaluru to come and stay safely in their hotels at a throw away price...

Green shoots of revival; it is visible to all the so-called intellects and economists post this pandemic. But what is the reality on the ground? Yes, certain industries like pharmacy or biscuit manufacturers prospered in this pandemic but all the other manufacturers are in doldrums. With doles being given all out, the public sector banks will be left holding the bucket at the end of the year. What is going to be the NPAs at the end of the year is anybody's guess.

As far as the tourism industry is concerned, the future is bleak indeed. Domestic air travel is just 33 percent open and it may take at least 6 to 12 more months for the domestic travel to come up to pre-COVID time. As far as international travel is concerned, it may take anything more than 2 years for normalcy to return. Frankly with the additional documentation, waiting time, mask and face shields, the logistics, it has become a nightmare to travel long distances. My relation recently travelled in business class to Chicago from Delhi. He was just served a bottle of water and a box of food for nearly 12 hours flight and that too after paying Rs. 3 lakh for a seat!

Before the pandemic, airline industry was growing at a steady pace of 5 percent per year. But how the pandemic stuck can be guaged from the fact that from January to July this year, approximately 7.5 million flights have been cancelled. Thousands of planes grounded and fighting for parking spots. Singapore airlines have parked all their planes in Australia since the humid weather in their own country may make the planes rusty and non-operational ! Which are the airlines which will survive. Simple, those airlines which are government-backed and get government bailout like Lufthansa, Singapore Airlines etc.

One thing for sure. Many a things will change in future. Though at present, airlines would be offering lots of discounts to get people to fly, the prediction is that air travel is going to be more expensive because of all the extra costs on safety in future. Till the time an effective vaccine is found and the fear factor is erased, it will not be fair to expect normalcy. As far as Indian tourism industry is concerned, some destinations like Goa, Kerala or Rajasthan would be hard hit since they depend on international tourists to a large extent. But many a States in India depend on domestic travellers — like Mysuru. Here the activity is expected to start faster and earlier, depending on the spread of the pandemic, of course. Mysuru has been hit the worst since yoga and medical tourism has also been hit with the curtailment of air travel. So it is time the tourism stalwarts of the State device a short-term, out-of-the-box contingency plan to revive and support this industry.

I was talking to my daughter at Singapore, another tourism destination which also is badly hit due to lack of flights. Similar problems, but they have already worked out an effective short-term plan for survival which can be replicated in Karnataka too.

Simple, they have asked all the hotels and recreational centres to work out packages which is being sold to their own citizens. The Government is trying to lure their own citizens to go and stay at resorts in the country by offering heavy discounts and freebies. It seems all the hotels in Sentosa Island are full of local Singaporeans. All the top 7 star hotels in the city are offering rooms at 70 percent discount to lure locals to come and stay a night or two. A limited period offer.

Similarly, hotels in Mysuru and Kodagu can work out special packages for all citizens of smaller towns nearby and Bengaluru to come and stay safely in their hotels at a throw away price. Highlight the "safety aspect" and I am sure many well-heeled gentry in these small towns would be tempted to spend some time in these hotels to get out of the mental tension of the lockdown. Hotels can even offer pick and drop services for those living in city, who want to come and stay in these hotels to get out of sheer boredom!

A recent write-up wherein it was mentioned that hotels were being offered as short-term "COVID Centres" is a welcome step indeed. I am sure that many a patients who can afford these stays would take up this offer.

For the Malls, why not try to get a free pick up and drop service in a 20-seater van at fixed timing? The need of the hour is to get footfalls into the Mall. Even if a single mall sends 6 buses, the cost when divided amongst all the shops in the mall, would be very small. For example, Sankalp Central Park has about 350 flats. I am sure the inmates would be tempted to step into the malls if offered a free ride and back to malls in a safe way at fixed timings.

Let us now talk on the role of media. Till the time this pandemic is tamed and the local businesses are back in full action, the media can play a role by offering discounts on the advertisements. This will encourage the local hotels, amusement parks, restaurants, etc., to freely advertise to get more and more locals in to their premises. I am sure that our stalwarts can come up with more such ideas to kickstart the tourism economy of this city. Do you agree ?

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Home tuitions bring learning closer to these children

A solution for online class challenges due to poor connectivity, lack of smart phones

Hanagodu, Aug. 6 (Mahesh&SD)- The online platform may be the only way to reach students during lockdown or during a pandemic, but the digital medium comes with its own challenges. While students in urban private schools have little trouble accessing the internet and attending online classes on platforms like Google Meet during the post-lockdown period, those little ones living in rural and remote areas do not have the same sort of facilities.

The situation is worse for those from remote, non-urban areas. Highlighting India's digital divide, poor connectivity and lack of smart gadgets is proving a hassle for many students. When it comes to attending online classes for children, for people living in rural areas, problems are aplenty.

In low-income rural community, a household might not have a smart phone. Even if they have one, a single smart phone might have to be shared among its members. If there are three children in the house, all of them would be dependent on the same smart phone for their online classes. The most fundamental challenges faced by rural students are connectivity and bandwidth issues and, of course, the cost of affording one smart phone and internet expenses.

In an effort to tackle this issue, teachers of **Lakshmanatheertha Vidyasamsthe in Hanagodu Hobli near Hunsur** have voluntarily come forward to visit villages in their neighbourhood and conduct home tuitions for their students from Aug. 3.

From the last five months, Schools and Colleges have remained closed but in urban areas many Schools have started conducting online classes. Hanagodu is a remote village near Hunsur and is located on the fringes of Nagarahole Tiger Reserve. Many students of Lakshmanatheertha Vidyasamsthe live in over 20 villages bordering forest area. Most of their parents are from low-income farming communities and are from tribal families that depend on forests for a living. While many of them cannot afford a mobile phone, bandwidth and connectivity is another issue here for conducting online classes.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Vidyasamsthe teacher Nataraj said, "Learning cannot stop even if Schools are closed. We thought why our students should miss this opportunity? Hence, after discussing with parents and villagers, our School Administration decided to make special arrangements. Our School teachers agreed to conduct tuitions so that our students living in surrounding villages would not miss their education during these tough times."

They are now visiting each of those 20 villages according to schedule and are conducting classes for them from last Monday. Amid COVID-19 pandemic and rise in number of cases in the region, these School teachers including Nataraj are taking all necessary safety precautions such as maintaining social distancing while taking classes. And they have again proved that the old English proverb 'where there is a will there is a way' is true for those who have determination and dedication.

COVID-19: Provident Fund Office closed for public

Drop Box kept at office gate for people to drop applications; public asked to opt for online transactions

Mysuru, Aug. 6 (RK&BCT)- The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), Regional Office at Gayathripuram in city has been closed to public due to COVID-19 pandemic. As hundreds of people visit the office daily, notices have been pasted outside the gate on whom to contact for what sort of service.

The gate has been locked and entry is restricted only for EPFO employees since the last one week. To prevent inconvenience, a drop box has been placed at the entrance for the people to insert their application forms.

People can drop applications like joint declaration, physical life certificate, EPF claims, and name and address corrections, partial or full withdrawal or Aadhaar- PAN number link to the Universal Account Number, etc. People can attach relevant documents along with the application forms and drop them into the box after attaching them.

All the transactions can also be done online within the comforts of one's homes as the EPFO has informed its members to avoid physical visits to offices in view of the pandemic. Notices have been pasted on the gate of the office with relevant website addresses, process of withdrawals and phone numbers of officers concerned.

This apart, Common Service Centres have been opened across Mysuru District and city for people to submit applications and avail of the services. EPFO officials said that over 200 people visit the Service Centres daily to submit applications and the office handles 600 to 700 calls from PF account holders per day.

In view of the COVID-19 outbreak, the Centre allowed EPF members to withdraw funds from their EPF accounts to meet Coronavirus-related financial exigencies. EPF members can withdraw an amount equal to three months of basic salary plus dearness allowance or 75 per cent of the credit balance of the account, whichever is lower.

According to EPFO, it settles these pandemic-related claims within three days instead of the usual 10 days. Officials said that the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) has played a big role in allowing it to settle COVID-related advances in three days.

The amount credited to an individual's bank account is non-refundable, that is, he/she is not required to refund such an advance to the EPFO. To enable a withdrawal claim online, there are certain criteria that must be satisfied. These are: Individual's EPF account must be KYC-compliant, Universal Account Number (UAN) must be active and linked to Aadhaar, and the bank account and IFSC Code in the EPFO records must be correct.

Canara Bank donates

Rs. 5 lakh for COVID care

Canara Bank, Mysuru, Regional Office-I Head I.P. Mithanthaya handed over a cheque for Rs. 5 lakh to Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer Prashanth Kumar Mishra towards treatment of COVID patients at Mysuru District COVID Hospital under the Bank's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programme. T.E. Nagappa, Assistant General Manager, Lead Bank, A.V. Yashavanth, Divisional Manager, Canara Bank, Mysuru RO-I and S. Arjun, Manager, were present on the occasion.

WORD OF THE DAY

Solecism

Pronunciation: SAH-luh-siz-um.
Meaning: An ungrammatical combination of words in a sentence; also : a minor blunder in speech; something deviating from the proper, normal, or accepted order; a breach of etiquette or decorum.
Origin: The city of Soloi had a reputation for bad grammar. Located in Cilicia, an ancient coastal nation in Asia Minor, it was populated by Athenian colonists called soloikoi (literally "inhabitants of Soloi"). According to historians, the colonists of Soloi allowed their native Athenian Greek to be corrupted and started using words incorrectly. As a result, soloikos gained a new meaning: "speaking incorrectly." The Greeks used that sense as the basis of soloikismos, meaning "an ungrammatical combination of words." That root, in turn, gave rise to the Latin soloecismus, the direct ancestor of the English word solecism. Nowadays, solecism can refer to social blunders as well as sloppy syntax.
Example: "We meet at the stroke of midday on an autumnal day in his West London apartment, where I instantly commit two sins from the Common list: being on time and being Scottish. My host kindly overlooks this double solecism and has made a jug of what he calls rosé cup...." — Jan Moir

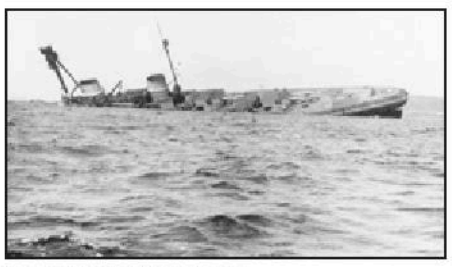
THE ODD WORD

Sacring

Hallowing; consecration.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Scarper Flow



Meaning: Cockney rhyming slang for go.
Origin: Derived from the Old Norse Skalpaflói, which means 'bay of the long isthmus', Scapa Flow refers to the thin strip of land between Scapa Bay and the town of Kirkwall. During World War I and World War II, due to its strategic location, the Admiralty used Scapa Flow as its principal naval anchorage.
Example: The police are on there way. With your record they are bound to think the fight was your fault - you'd better scarper before they get here.

QUOTE BOX

Fame is like a river, that beareth up things light and swollen, and drowns things weighty and solid. **—Francis Bacon**

RIDDLE THIS

If you're running in a race and you pass the person in second place, what place are you in?

Answer :Second place.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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7	5	2	8	1	9	6	4	3
3	4	6	1	7	2	8	5	9
5	1	9	6	3	8	4	7	2
2	8	7	5	9	4	1	3	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

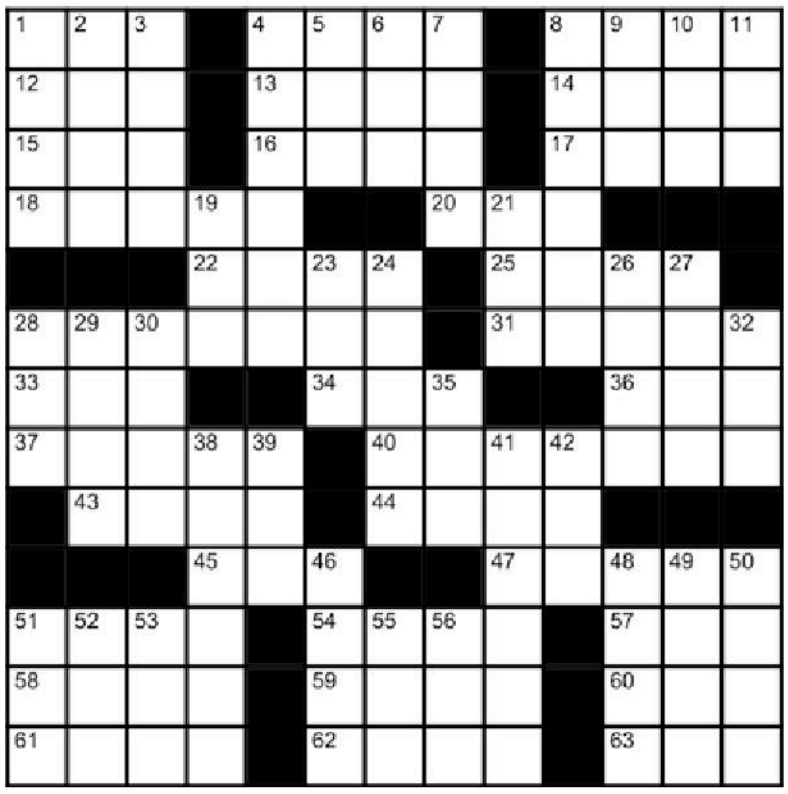
1 "Like" suffix
4 Castro's land
8 Bottle stopper?
12 Badminton Assoc. of India
13 Type of gemstone
14 American Natl. Standards Inst.
15 If and only if - in programming and maths
16 Cambodian monetary unit
17 Lather
18 Condescend or think fit
20 Actress Longoria
22 Low tide type
25 Wild goat
28 The former New Hebrides
31 Brazilian dance
33 BSE deal
34 Printing measures
36 Cleaning implement
37 One of the families of sub-nuclear particles - "nomes" anagram?
40 Medieval weapon (4-3)
43 Dispute or oppose
44 Svelte or slender
45 A unit length used to ascertain the linear density of yarns
47 A period of silence
51 Large luxurious car
54 Bill of fare
57 Comedian __ Das
58 Clay water jar
59 Famous cookie
60 Acute Resp. Infection
61 Beauty is but ___ deep?
62 Dye vat - "rike" anagram?
63 Modern prefix

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

C	A	S		C	U	B	S			B	P	S
D	D	T		F	R	A	I	L		L	A	O
R	C	A		D	I	T	T	O		O	I	L
		P	A	S	S			V	O	W	S	
T	A	L	E			M	T	E	T	N	A	
A	M	E	S		C	O	O	L	S			
P	A	S		S	U	R	L	Y		N	E	E
			N	I	R	A	D		M	A	I	M
	M	E	E	K	L	Y			P	S	S	T
	A	L	O	K			N	E	H	A		
P	R	O		I	N	F	E	R		L	T	D
H	I	P		M	U	L	T	I		L	A	S
D	E	E			B	Y	T	E		Y	U	M

DOWN

1 Footnote abbr.
2 In no danger
3 Audio system (2-2)
4 Part of the eye
5 One as a prefix
6 A run for the team but not for the batsman?
7 A shaft upon which a wheel revolves
8 Winter melon
9 "Double Fantasy" artist
10 Natal land, abbr.
11 Place to sleep in
19 Oxlike African antelope
21 ___ a ___ , in light of
23 Consumed some food
24 Blows up tyres
26 Title of novel by Jane Austen
27 Microsoft's gaming console
28 Bustle, energy
29 Copied an animal?
30 Olfactory organ
32 Large monkey
35 The sun
38 Give ___ ___ : give for temporary use? (2,4)
39 Nickname used for the late Mr. Bevan
41 Alcoholic beverage
42 Large Australian bird
46 Frenziedly misbehaving
48 The terrible Tsar?
49 The Republic of Ireland
50 Triad or threesome
51 "L" in L.A. the famous city?
52 Class or kind
53 1051 in Roman numerals
55 Gad's son ?
56 Maiden-name



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

CAGKJKWW CW JBM ABCJO JBMDCJO. CAGKJKWW

CW UKCJO HXKK MB AB ZJQMDCJO.

TODAY'S CLUE: O EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: You never find yourself until you face the truth.

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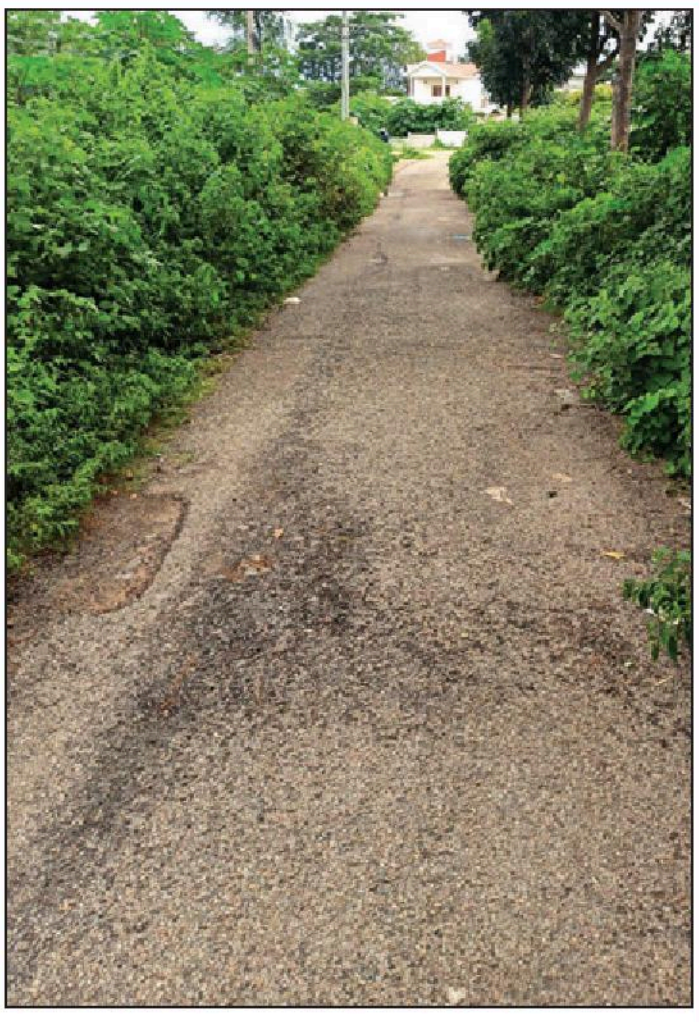
Clear this garbage dump inside park at Lakshmipuram

One of the two parks at Lakshmipuram, near Gopalaswamy College, is not maintained. While one park is very well maintained the other park has become a place to dump garbage and has turned filthy. Authorities concerned are urged to get the garbage cleared from the park and periodically maintain the park.

Thirty-feet road at Vijayanagar reduced to five-feet



With the growth of plants and weeds on either sides of the 12th cross road in Vijayanagar 1st stage, the 30 ft. road has been reduced to less than 5 ft. causing a lot of inconvenience to the residents. Also, the place is stinking as garbage is being dumped on the roadside and public answer nature's call here. The residents have urged the authorities concerned to take steps to get the overgrown plants and weeds cleared from the roadside for the benefit of all.

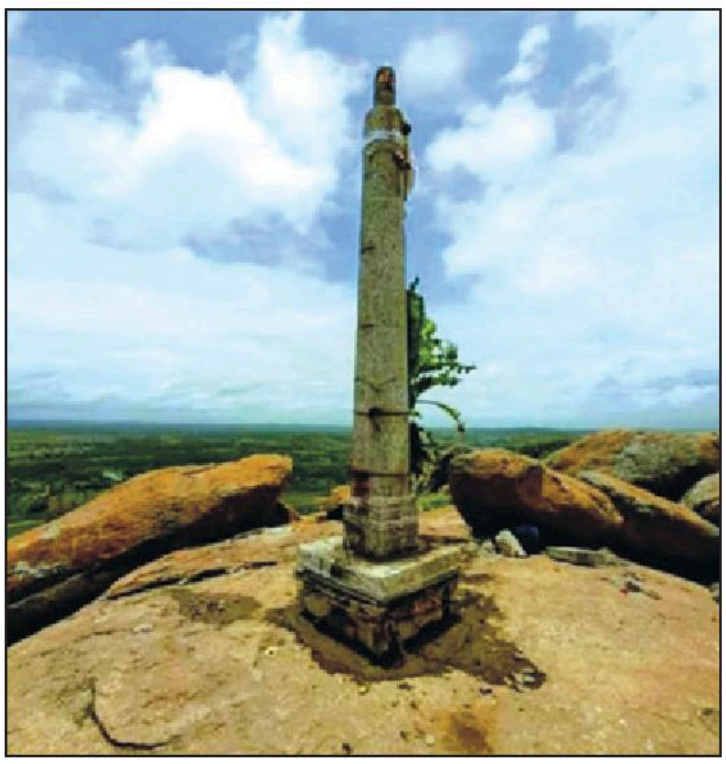
Legendary stone pillar at Kunti Betta re-installed

The stone pillar resembling 'Onake' (pestle) at Kunti Betta, which was broken by miscreants years ago, being re-installed under the aegis of Sri Mallikarjuna Swamy Temple Renovation Committee, yesterday.

Pandavapura, Aug. 6 (Nagaiah)- The legendary stone pillar resembling 'Onake' (pestle) at Kunti Betta in Pandavapura taluk of Mandya district, which was broken by miscreants, has been re-installed yesterday under the aegis of Sri Mallikarjuna Swamy Temple Renovation Committee.

Speaking on the occasion, Committee President Dr. M. Mayigowda said that miscreants had broken this religiously significant pestle three years ago, following which the residents of surrounding villages such as Chikkade, Devegowdanakoppalu, Hirimarali, Chikkamarali, Pattasomanahalli, Kennalu, Nelamane and Harohalli, decided to re-install it.

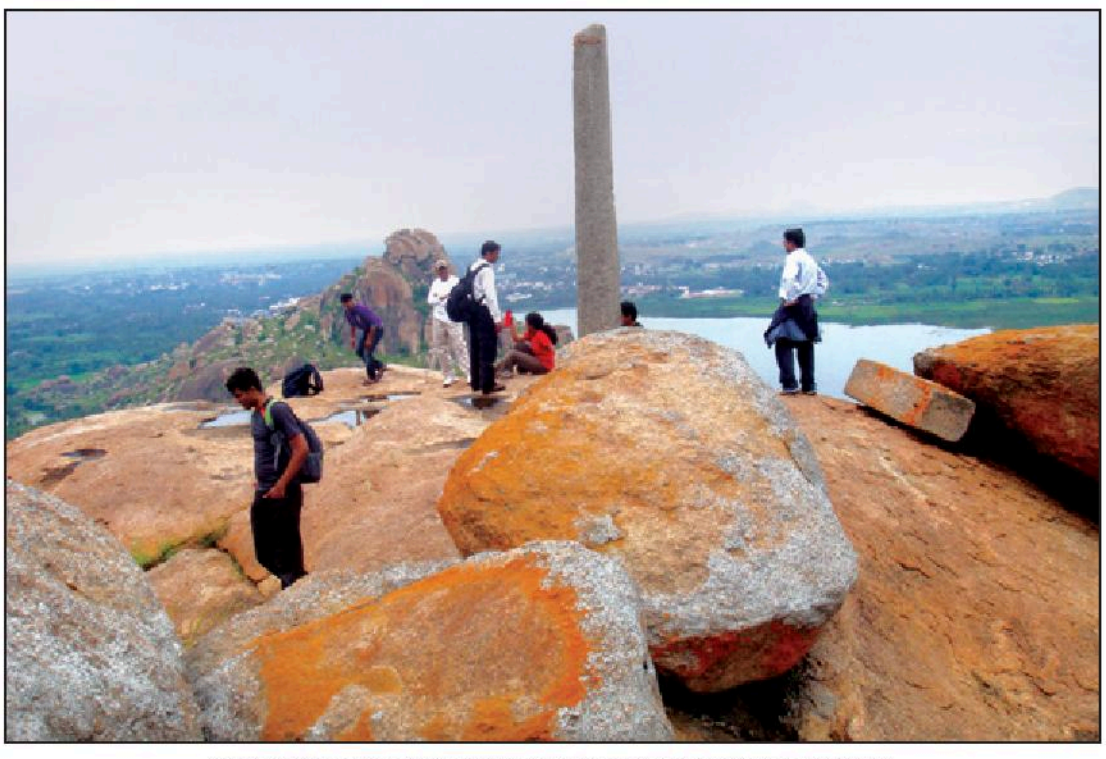
The then MLA K.S. Puttannaiah had provided Rs. 1.5 lakh for the re-installation. But due to the sudden demise of the MLA in February 2018, the works came to a halt. Later, residents of Chikkade village donated Rs. 3.5 lakh and subsequently the 'Onake' was re-installed at the site, Dr. M. Mayigowda added.



The stone pillar stands tall after re-installation.

Village leaders, who donated liberally and sculptors of the pestle were felicitated on the occasion.

Former Mandya Zilla Panchayat President Chikkade Basavegowda, Shankarananda Bharathi Vidyapeetha former President H.V. Srikantaiah, former Secretary Pattasomanahali Ningegowda and others were present on the occasion.



A file photo of the stone pillar at Kunti Betta before it was damaged.

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